

CITY OF SAINT MARYS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 18, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on April 14, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Dennis Nero, Richard Gabler, Jr., Daniel Hepner, Richard Dornisch, Bob Roberts, Steven Skok, Manager David Greene, Solicitor Mark Jacob and Bond Counsel Thomas Lynch.

VISITORS

Visitors included: Warren Stewart, Dennis Bauer, Richard Sadley, Tom Farley, Ken Young, Steve and Yvonne Michuck, and Ned Jacob. Henry Sallusti did not sign in.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
April 4, 2011

Daniel Hepner made a motion to approve the minutes of April 4, 2011, seconded by Bob Roberts, and all were in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

MANAGER'S REPORT

March 23 – Met with Dave Puncheon from North Central and Steve Borowski from Kessel Construction, to discuss ideas about building a Multi-Tenant building at the St. Marys Airport industrial park.

March 24- Attended a DCED Northcentral Partners Budget meeting in State College to learn more about the 2011/2012 proposed budget for DCED. DCED is going from 120 programs to 56 next year.

March 30- Attended a Parking Garage construction meeting held at the job site on Depot Street.

April 5- Councilmen Roberts, Hepner and I attended the PLCM Regional meeting held in Warren.

April 6- Attended a luncheon with representatives from Shoe Sensation. The new store located in the St. Marys Plaza will open April 20th.

April 7- Matt Pfeufer and I met with representatives from Lee-Simpson and Associates.

April 12- Attended the Rotary Club meeting as guest speaker and updated the club members on various topics of interest.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Dennis Nero made a motion to approve the Expenditures from March 17, 2011 to April 16, 2011, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Geyer presented the Treasurer's Report for March 31, 2011. We are at the end of the first quarter of 2011, and have collected 15.35 percent of revenue and expensed 17.56 percent of the budget for the General Fund. Last year at this time we brought in 18 percent of budget for the General Fund and spent 19.59 percent of its budget. We have collected 26.24 percent of our

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budgeted amount for Earned Income and 16.36 percent for Real Estate taxes. Last year Earned Income was at 28.26 percent and Real Estate taxes were at 18.35 percent.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION**Consider for Adoption:**

Ordinance No. 265, re: Refinancing the City's 2006 Bond Issue

Ordinance No. 265 was presented for adoption authorizing the issuance by the City of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2011, in the principal amount of \$4,870,000, for the purpose of providing for (i) financing the costs associated with the refunding of the City's General Obligation Series A of 2005 note, General Obligation Series B of 2005 note, General Obligation Series of 2007 note, General Obligation Series of 2009 note, Guaranteed Airport Revenue notes, Series of 1993 and Series of 2007, and the prior General Obligation Refunding Series of 2006 bonds, and (ii) to pay the costs of said bond issue; approving the cost estimate of the City for said refunding program and approving the private negotiated sale of the bonds to the underwriters; fixing the form, numbers, date, interest rates, and maturities thereof; pledging the general revenues and continuing the levying of any necessary tax for payment of debt service charges; authorizing the execution, sale and delivery thereof; pledging the repayment of the Series of 2011 bonds; approving the payment of the issuance costs; appointing a sinking fund depository and paying agent; authorizing and directing the insuring of the Series of 2011 bonds; establishing a 2011 Clearing Fund and Sinking Fund; approving the preliminary and final official statements; and authorizing the filing for approval of said NonElectoral Debt with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, and authorizing the payment of the required filing fee therefore.

Thomas Lynch, Bond Counsel

Thomas Lynch, Bond Counsel, explained the refinancing of the 2006 Bond Issue would provide approximately \$240,000 in savings.

Henry Sallusti, RBC Capital

Henry Sallusti, from RBC Capital Markets, provided Council with a summary of the Bond Issue.

Motion

Daniel Hepner made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 265, seconded by Bob Roberts.

Roll Call Vote- Motion Passed

On a roll call vote, all were in favor to adopt Ordinance No. 265. The motion passed.

Resolution No. 11-8, re: Extending the boundaries of the City's 2011 Redevelopment District
Warren Stewart, Redevelopment Authority

Resolution No. 11-8 was presented for adoption extending the boundaries of the "Redevelopment District" designated and certifying the area as blighted.

Warren Stewart from the Redevelopment Authority explained the RDA was requesting an expansion of the current Redevelopment District to include additional areas to address certain deficiencies with businesses. The plan was previously presented to the Planning Commission for their approval and comment. The original plan was to add the remainder of the Central Business District; however, the Planning Commission commented it would be best to include only a certain portion of the Central Business District.

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Council had numerous concerns with the proposed Resolution, especially the term "blighted".

Motion to Table

Bob Roberts made a motion to table Resolution No. 11-8 until the proper wording can be inserted, seconded by Steven Skok.

Discussion

Richard Gabler, Jr. stated he thought a public hearing should be held to provide for input from the residents affected with this proposed change.

Dennis Nero agreed.

Richard Dornisch also agreed.

Solicitor Jacob stated he would check with Tina Gradizzi regarding the language change.

Motion to table passed.

All were in favor to table Resolution No. 11-8.

2nd Motion Passed

Richard Gabler made a motion to hold a public hearing regarding the proposed expansion of the "Redevelopment District", seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

Appointment of voting delegate for the PLCM 112th Annual Convention

Bob Roberts made a motion to appoint Steven Skok as the City's voting delegate and Manager David Greene as the alternate voting delegate, for the PLCM 112th Annual Convention, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

City of St. Marys Home Rule Charter

Mayor Geyer stated she requested the Home Rule Charter as an agenda item. She read a portion of a letter received from Attorney Thomas Wagner in response to a request for his interpretation of the Charter regarding the eligibility of a Councilmember to run for Council once they have served two consecutive terms. Attorney Wagner stated in his letter "Neither the Charter nor the commentary contain any language which specifies the amount of time which must lapse before a council member who has served for two consecutive terms may assume another term of office."

Council had a brief discussion regarding Attorney Wagner's response.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS

Steve Michuck

Steve Michuck commented when the Charter was previously reviewed it stated in the minutes they meant four years before you could run again. He also questioned what happened to the warning sirens that were previously discussed by Council.

Tom Farley

Tom Farley read a statement regarding the issue of his eligibility to run for Council. The statement was specifically addressed to Councilman Dornisch and Mayor Geyer.

Warren Stewart

Warren Stewart, from the Redevelopment Authority, approached and requested Council clarify their

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instructions regarding extending the boundaries of the "Redevelopment District" as discussed earlier in the meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no Council comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

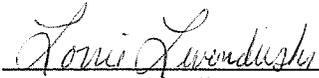
- The next Council worksession will be held Monday, May 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Penn-Elk Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Proclamation

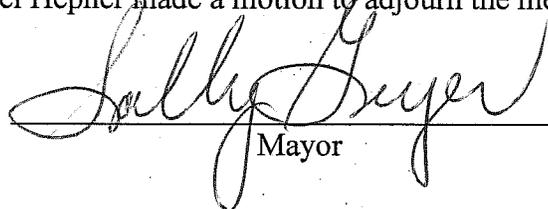
Mayor Geyer read and signed a Proclamation for the Penn-Elk Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution congratulating them on their 90th Anniversary of its chartering to be celebrated on April 30th, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

Daniel Hepner made a motion to adjourn the meeting.



Recording Secretary



Mayor